

Best Friends Forever

1 Samuel 18-20

I. Introduction

- A. Everyone has an inner longing for friendship (Genesis 2:18; Ecclesiastes 4:9).
- B. It is possible to have deep and enduring friendships (2 Samuel 1:26).

II. Three Characteristics of True Friendship

- A. Mutual respect is essential for an authentic friendship (1 Samuel 17:54-18:1)
- B. For friendship to thrive there must be mutual honesty and openness (1 Samuel 20:1-9; 41-42).
- C. The building blocks of true friendship are loyalty and commitment (1 Samuel 12-17, 19:1-4, 20:4, 32-33; 2 Samuel 9).

III. Conclusion

- A. You need to be discerning as you look for a friend.
- B. You should strive to be zealous in your friendships.